



## 20 Questions

## To Ask A Person Selling Investments

- 1. Are you registered with the Hawaii Business Registration Division?
- 2. How did you get my name?
- 3. Where is your office?
- 4. Where are you calling from?

- 5. How long have you been in business?
- 6. How long has your company been in business?
- 7. Can you give the names and telephone numbers of three other investors in my local community who made profits on this investment?
- 8. How long will the advertised rates of return last?
- 9. What specific service or product does this company make?
- 10. Is this investment guaranteed? (Most are not. Securities investments involve risk)
- 11. Is this investment registered with the Hawaii Business Registration Division?
- 12. Please, send me copies of the company's financial statements and a list of customers I can call.
- 13. What are the risks that I will lose money?
- 14. Is this investment traded daily on a regulated exchange?
- 15. What are the commissions and fees that you and your company will make during the entire time of my investment?
- 16. What will it cost to get my money back out of the fund (stock/bond or security)?
- 17. How much money have you invested personally in this deal?
- 18. Will you send me a prospectus or offering materials in the mail?
- 19. What is your home telephone number so I can call you later?
- 20. Will you please call my stockbroker (*or banker, lawyer, or trusted financial adviser*) with the same deal so I can ask them for another opinion?

"It's not the return on my investment what worries me; it's the return of my principal" - Will Rogers